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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing, and handling of food"

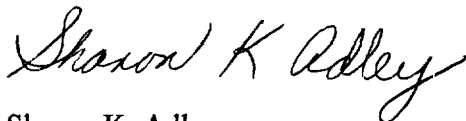
I have a concern about the quality of the food I eat and serve to others. I examine labels carefully whenever I shop. I wish to make informed decisions about the food I buy. Therefore, as regards the above docket item, I am in favor of prominent labeling of all irradiated foods using clear terminology such as "irradiation" or "irradiated" and displaying the radura symbol.

I am opposed to alternative terms such as "cold pastuerization" and "electronic pastuerization" which may be misleading.

I believe the absence of a statement about irradiation mislead me when I judge the quality of the food since irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious to me.

Thank you for considering my comments in your decision.

Sincerely,



Sharon K. Adley

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